  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Annie Dookhan and I currently employed at the Department of Public Health, Analytical Chemistry Division. A few months ago, an investigation was started in regards to the chain of custody on some samples at the Drug Analysis Laboratory.

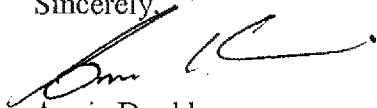
Today, I am writing this letter to state that I will accept full responsibility and any and all ramifications for my actions. The chain of custody was broken for those samples. But as for the analysis of those samples, I followed the policies of the lab and I believe if the sample were to be re-tested, the results would be the same.

As a result of my actions, I have jeopardized and discredited the outstanding reputation of both the Drug Analysis Lab and the Department of Public Health. I never considered the consequences of my action and how it would affect the Drug Lab and DPH. I never meant to cause any harm to any person/people. Because of me and my actions, I have cause a lot of problems for the people within the Drug Lab, DPH and the Commonwealth. My deepest apologies to all my colleagues and friends.

It is believed that because of this investigation and my actions, the Drug Analysis Lab was transferred to the Department of Public Safety. I truly never meant to intentionally hurt or discredit the lab. The Drug Lab has been my home for 8 years and they have taught me the basics of drug analysis. Because of my ambition to learn, I have continued to expand my knowledge of forensics and to benefit both myself and the lab. I have never advocated for myself but rather for the lab and its chemists. As the Drug Lab embarks on a new journey, I will attempt to do anything to assist in their transition to the DPS. I will continue to advocate for their hard work and success.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,



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